



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Midwest
FOOD BANK

bridging the gap between poverty and prosperity

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

A message from Co-Founder,
President, and CEO, David Kieser



No one could have predicted the events of 2020. The global COVID-19 pandemic created a dynamic year. With the help of volunteers, donors, staff, and most importantly, the blessings of God, Midwest Food Bank responded nimbly to the changing landscape.

All MFB locations remained open and responsive to the need of our nonprofit partners. We enacted safety protocols and reduced volunteer numbers to maintain social distancing guidelines. To allow partner agencies to receive food from MFB safely, we altered our distribution model. Community, business, and donor support funded operations and helped with food purchases. More details on our response to the pandemic are on page 14.

Noteworthy in 2020:

- MFB distributed a record amount of food, 37% more than in 2019.
- In 2020, we sent a record number of family food boxes in Disaster Relief semi loads, nearly six times more than the previous year.
- We received record levels of support from both financial and food donors.
- While maintaining and growing our roots and existing locations, MFB launched two new domestic divisions, Pennsylvania and New England.

We are humbled and thankful. Moving forward, we continue to follow the leading of the Lord as we live out our mission.

In His service,
David Kieser

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble;
He cares for those who trust in him. NAHUM 1:7



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OUR MISSION

As a faith based organization, it is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief, all without discrimination.

OUR VALUES

Midwest Food Bank's values are built on the Biblical base of the 'fruit of the spirit' - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. Our values give us a roadmap to "Sharing the Blessings."



SERVING THOSE IN NEED

We recognize and adapt to our agencies (food pantries, schools, soup kitchens, shelters) needs, providing them resources to help them best solve food insecurity for individuals and families.



EMPOWERING VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers find purpose in their efforts shared with MFB. Opportunities are made available for any age and array of abilities. The countless hours and expertise of our volunteers is a unique and blessed differentiator.



EMBRACING OUR COMMUNITIES

We warmly welcome community members and partners, engage with them to serve those in need, and sincerely appreciate the joint partnerships we have.



WORKING WITH INTEGRITY

Our communications and actions are always done with honesty and transparency.



EXECUTING THROUGH TEAMWORK

We work across all our divisions and within our locations. We place a high priority on collaboration, leveraging best practices for continuous improvement of an already efficient organization.



OUR VISION

Provide industry-leading food relief to those in need while feeding them spiritually.

FOOD INSECURITY

NOUN

the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food

Food-insecure households have difficulty at some time during the year providing enough food for all their members due to a lack of resources. In 2020, 16 percent (50.4 million households) of US households were food insecure (projected numbers). One in five Americans have turned to a food pantry or community food distribution at some point since the beginning of the pandemic.

These numbers include 17 million, or 1 in 4 children. As of July 2020, an estimated 370 million children were missing school meals.

U.S. FOOD INSECURITY RATE

2019	11%
2020 (PROJECTED)	16%

U.S. FOOD INSECURITY RATE (CHILDREN ONLY)

2019	15%
2020 (PROJECTED)	23%

Sources: USDA (2019); Feeding America (2020)

HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE HUNGRY?

Globally, about 38% of the world's population goes to bed on an empty stomach. This number is the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, estimated at 57% of the population.

Source: The State of Food Insecurity and Nutrition in the World 2020.

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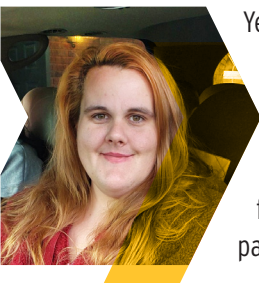
But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his *brother in need*, yet closes his heart against him, how does *God's love* abide in him?

1 John 3:17

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FOOD RECIPIENTS

ASHLEY



Years ago, the I-58 Mission helped Ashley when her husband was out of work with health issues. When COVID hit, she returned for help. She relies on them each week for food. The I-58 Mission is a nonprofit partner served by MFB Georgia.

WENDY



Wendy's husband lost his job. With a mortgage, bills, and children to feed, Wendy says they wouldn't have made it without help. She gives back by volunteering at MFB and other pantries. Wendy receives food from The Hope Chest, a pantry served by MFB Morton.

BO



A former line worker from Charleston, WV, Bo has been retired since 2005. He's thankful for the help he receives from the Second Avenue Community Center served by MFB Bloomington-Normal through their remote distribution in Belle, WV.

BERLINDA



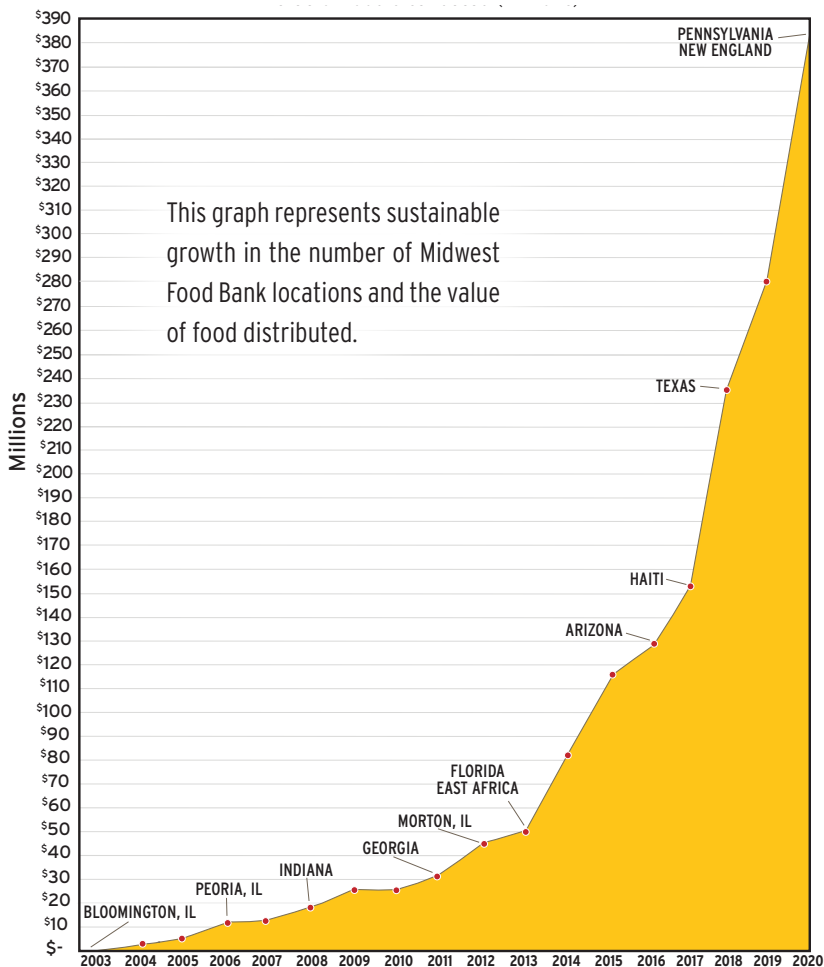
Berlinda was left at an orphanage in Haiti. In her childhood she struggled with a speech disorder as a result of a long convulsion. Now she speaks without problems and is very athletic. Berlinda was helped by Matthew 25, a nonprofit partner served by MFB Haiti.

MIDWEST FOOD BANK MODEL



MIDWEST FOOD BANK GROWTH

Value of food distributed (millions)



FINANCIALS

YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, 2019 AND 2020

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2018	2019	2020*
Donated food, vehicles, equipment and services	\$229,928,875	\$270,649,371	\$397,204,944
General public contributions and grants	\$7,436,910	\$7,487,187	\$18,427,058
Special events	\$788,242	\$809,831	\$864,259
CARES and Other*	\$94,829	\$67,262	\$2,706,416
Total public support and revenue	\$238,248,856	\$279,013,656	\$419,202,677

EXPENSES

Program services	\$232,260,156	\$279,505,173	\$392,370,479
Management and general	\$1,123,151	\$988,014	\$1,278,165
Fundraising	\$776,111	\$854,074	\$961,835
<1% Management, General, and Fundraising	0.81%	0.66%	0.57%
Total Expenses	\$234,159,418	\$281,357,261	\$394,610,479

NET ASSETS

Food Inventory	\$19,606,336	\$16,416,429	\$33,284,514
Cash, buildings (net of debt), equipment, other	\$15,066,135	\$19,297,314	\$24,333,245
Total net assets	\$34,672,471	\$35,713,743	\$57,617,759
With donor restrictions	\$1,600,673	\$1,205,399	\$750,000

* Numbers above for 2018 and 2019 are from Midwest Food Bank's audited statements. Financials represented for 2020 numbers are year-end summaries. The Midwest Food Bank audited statements for 2020 will be finalized and available May 30, 2021. CARES and Other in 2020 includes revenue from CARES Act, including PPP Loan.

**\$13 MILLION
SPENT
YIELDS**



**\$383 MILLION
FOOD DISTRIBUTED**



Midwest Food Bank multiplies and stewards donations through the blessings of volunteer hours and donated food.